

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method, comprising:
2 receiving participant input for a show and subsequently disconnecting a
3 communication with a participant that submitted the participant input;
4 storing the participant input in a storage location;
5 automatically processing the stored participant input to determine a
6 relationship of the participant input to the show; and
7 based on the determined relationship, alerting the participant that submitted
8 the participant input if the participant input is selected for the show.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising prior to receiving the participant
2 input for the show, notifying the participant of an availability of the show to receive
3 the participant input.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the show comprises a television show or a
2 radio show.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising identifying an alert preference of
2 the participant.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising subsequent to alerting the
2 participant, receiving additional participant input from the participant.

1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein alerting the participant that submitted the
2 participant input includes alerting the participant that subject matter related to
3 another participant's input is to be addressed in the show.

1 7. The method of claim 1 wherein automatically processing the stored
2 participant input to determine the relationship of the participant input to the show
3 includes:

4 using a speech recognition technique to convert an audio format of the
5 participant input into a text format; and

6 performing a keyword search on the text format to classify the participant
7 input relative to the show.

1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein a human operator selects the participant input
2 for the show.

1 9. The method of claim 1 wherein the participant input is receivable via a
2 communication medium different from a communication medium usable to alert the
3 participant.

1 10. The method of claim 1 wherein alerting the participant is capable of being
2 done via one of a telephone call, voicemail, facsimile, email, instant message,
3 screen alert, or page.

1 11. The method of claim 1 wherein the participant input is capable of being
2 received via one of a telephone call, voicemail, facsimile, email, instant message,
3 transmission from a web page, page, video transmission, avatar transmission, cable

4 modem transmission, interactive video casting transmission, or wireless
5 transmission.

1 12. An article of manufacture, comprising:

2 a machine-readable medium having stored thereon instructions to:

3 collect participant input submitted for a show, wherein communication
4 with a participant that submitted the participant input is disconnected
5 subsequent to submission of the participant input;

6 process the stored participant input to determine a relationship of the
7 participant input to the show; and

8 based on the determined relationship, trigger alert of the participant
9 that submitted the participant input if the participant input is selected for the
10 show.

1 13. The article of manufacture of claim 12 wherein the machine-readable medium
2 further includes instructions stored thereon to identify an alert preference of the
3 participant.

1 14. The article of manufacture of claim 12 wherein the instructions to process the
2 stored participant input to determine the relationship of the participant input to the
3 show includes instructions to:

4 apply speech recognition to convert an audio format of the participant input
5 into a text format; and

6 perform a keyword search on the text format to classify the participant input
7 relative to the show.

1 15. The article of manufacture of claim 12 wherein the instructions to collect the
2 participant input submitted for the show includes instructions to correlate the
3 participant input according to predefined criteria.

1 16. A system, comprising:
2 a server coupleable to receive participant input for a show, wherein
3 communication with the participant that submitted the participant input is
4 disconnected subsequent to reception of the participant input;
5 a storage unit to store the participant input received by the server, the
6 participant input stored in the storage unit capable of being automatically processed
7 to determine a relationship of the participant input to the show; and
8 an alert generator to generate and transmit an alert to the participant terminal
9 if, based on the determined relationship, the participant input is selected for the
10 show.

1 17. The system of claim 16, further comprising an interactive video casting
2 network coupleable to provide the show to the participant terminal and to provide the
3 participant input from the participant terminal to the server.

1 18. The system of claim 16, further comprising another storage unit having
2 speech recognition software to convert an audio format of the participant input into a
3 text format, and having keyword search software to search the text format for a
4 keyword to classify the participant input relative to the show.

1 20. The system of claim 16 wherein the server is capable to store the received
2 participant input information into the storage unit according to predefined criteria.

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